

**Historic Zoning Commission  
Called Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2014**

The Historic Zoning Commission held a called meeting on June 4, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the Municipal and Safety Building.

**Members Present**

Sheila Cox  
Tony Street  
Liz Biosca, Chairman  
Valda Jones  
Greg Cox, Vice Chairman

**Staff Present**

Jessica Harmon, Planner  
Dick Nelson

**Members Absent**

Tom Mozen  
Sam Fullen

Chairman Biosca called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. and a quorum was present

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda.

**MOTION: Jones** To approve agenda as presented.

**SECOND: S. Cox**

**VOTE: Approved 4-0**

Next on the agenda was the consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness #2014-132 for the installation of a cabinet sign for Mecca Lounge located at 117 Spring Street. Staff presented the item since the petitioner was not present and recommended denial. Staff pointed out that cabinet signs were not in keeping with the historic nature of Downtown.

**MOTION: Jones** To deny the request as proposed and suggest in place using a wood  
**SECOND: S. Cox** or metal sign that could be lit externally.

**VOTE: Approved 4-0**

Commissioner Greg Cox enters at this time.

The next item for consideration is the reconsideration of Certificate of Appropriateness #2013-119 for the painting of a mural covering the entire side wall of property located at 324 E. Main Street. Staff explained that the reconsideration was due to a change in scope from his original approved CofA. Mr. Nelson went through the details of his proposed work. Commissioner Biosca asked if there was significance about the cars and Mr. Nelson responded that it was just his signature work. He explained that this design was painted on a portion of the Berlin Wall. Commissioner Street asked staff if there was a specific provision in the Design Guidelines relating to the painting of Brick. Staff read aloud Policy 3 about the painting of brick and that it was prohibited unless necessary to protect the surface. Commissioner Sheila Cox asked Mr. Nelson if it were possible for the artist to paint the panels that were previously approved.

Mr. Nelson explained that the scale of this artists work is so large, it could not be captured on the panel. Commissioner Jones expressed her pleasure that an outside artist was willing to come to Johnson City and share his work. The Commission encouraged Mr. Nelson to seek out another location where it might be appropriate to paint this mural so that it can be seen as art, and not paint on a building.

**MOTION: Jones** To deny the request to paint a mural on the side of 324 E. Main St.

**SECOND: S. Cox**

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**VOTE: Approved 5-0**

Commissioner Jones exits at this time.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the minutes of the workshop on May 21, 2014 meeting.

**MOTION: G. Cox** To approve the minutes as submitted.

**SECOND: S. Cox**

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**VOTE: Approved 4-0**

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the minutes of the meeting on May 27, 2014 meeting.

**MOTION: S. Cox** To approve the minutes as submitted.

**SECOND: Biosca**

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**VOTE: Approved 2-0-2 (Street and G. Cox not at this meeting).**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Liz Biosca, Chairman